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SUBJECT: LARGE PDRY DELEGATION IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

1. A PDRY DELEGATION OF AT LEAST ELEVEN YEMENI PARTY AND
STATE OFFICIALS HEADED BY NATIONAL FRONT SECRETARY-GENERAL
ABD AL-FATTAH ISMAIL ARRIVED APRIL 14 IN PRAGUE FOR WHAT
IS BILLED AS A FIVE-DAY OFFICIAL FRIENDSHIP VISIT. LISTED
AS MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WERE, IN CZECH RENDITION:
MUHAMMAD SALIH MUTIJA, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ANIS HASAN JAHJA, POLITBURO MEMBER AND NATIONAL FRONT
SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
ALI ABDAR RAZZAK BADIB, MINISTER OF CULTURE AND ACTING
MINISTER OF INFORMATION
DZAIM SALIH MUHAMMAD, POLITBURO MEMBER AND

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SECRETARY FOR THE THIRD PROVINCE
HAJDAR ABUBAKR ATTAS, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION
HUSAJN KUMATA, CHIEF OF MILITIA
MAHMUD ABDALLAH USAJS, PDRY AMBASSADOR TO
CZECHOSLOVAKIA
ABDAL GHANI ABDAL KADIR, DEPUTY MINISTER OF PLANNING
SALIM BIN HUSAJNUN, CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF OF

PDRY ARMED FORCES
ABDALLAH ABUDA HAMMAN, CHIEF OF PDRY FOREIGN
MINISTRY DEPARTMENT FOR USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE.

2. PDRY DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED AT AIRPORT BY CPCZ
PRESIDIUM MEMBER AND PARTY SECRETARY VASIL BILAK,
WHO HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR IDEOLOGY AND INTER-PARTY
RELATIONS, VICE-PREMIER JOSEF SIMON, WHO HAS
ECONOMIC DUTIES AND EXPERTISE IN THE AUTOMOTIVE
INDUSTRY, FOREIGN MINISTER BOHUSLAV CHNOUPEK (WHO
RECENTLY VISITED ADEN), VLADIMIR MICKA, HEAD OF
THE CPCZ CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT,
AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER ANDREJ BARCAK.

3. COMMENT: PDRY DELEGATION'S VISIT IS LIKELY TO
BE UPSTAGED MIGHTILY BY CONCURRENT VISIT OF SOVIET
DEFENSE MINISTER USTINOV. FROM THE SIZE AND
COMPOSITION OF THE PDRY DELEGATION AND THE CZECHO-
SLOVAK WELCOMING PARTY, HOWEVER, WE SURMISE THAT
ARMS OF MILITARY VEHICLE SALES MAY BE ON THE AGENDA,
ALTHOUGH PDRY-CSSR TRADE IS APPARENTLY INSIGNIFICANT.

4. IN POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL DISCUSSIONS THE
CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE WILL PUSH THE STRAIGHT MOSCOW
LINE. AS WE HAVE NOTED ELSEWHERE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA
IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN THE THIRD WORLD
AND, AS A SMALL COUNTRY, MAY AROUSE FEWER
SUSPICIONS AND BE A BETTER SALESMAN FOR THAT LINE
THAN THE SOVIETS THEMSELVES.

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